GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM AND CULTURE
LOK SABHA

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TOURISM DEVELOPMENT IN WEST BENGAL
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Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware of huge tourism potential in West Bengal including a significant part of North Bengal;

(b) if so, the areas identified where the Union and State Governments could jointly develop the tourists complexes in the State;

(c) whether any comprehensive plan has been formulated; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b), (c) and (d): Development of tourist places is primarily undertaken by the State Governments. The Department of Tourism, Government of India, however, provides some financial assistance for tourism projects identified in consultation with them every year. The proposals to be taken up during financial year 2002-2003 have not yet been identified.